

NORWEGIAN COURSHIP.

Told you, very. She stood a head above the average man. Slight, thin, with a pointed a nose to be in any way applied to the heroine of this little tale, whose lean, wiry figure looked as if the world was a series of badly connected links, and whose looking shoulders and narrow chest were clad in a faded jacket.

This garment, with its rusty surface and pulled seams, suited well the sad looking woman into whose dreary life came one little bit of color, which I shall try to describe. Her face corresponded well with the rest of her appearance, for it was faded and worn, and surrounded by a fringe of straggling, thin, brown hair, pulled tight by back from the forehead, weary face, whose one redeeming feature was the eyes, which were bright and clear.

She had that expression of wistful waiting sometimes seen in the eyes of a faithful dog who has lost his master, and seems ever to watch patiently, and to watch ever so long for the return of the beloved one. She was a Norwegian, named Etta, and lived in our family as cook for nearly a year. Weeks passed by and early autumn, which had brought her in, she left the house, and departed suddenly, leaving us all unprepared for winter's advent, which announced itself in a cold, dismal rain.

Up to this time Etta had never received a letter or any communication from the outside world. She never left the house, and departed suddenly, leaving us all unprepared for winter's advent, which announced itself in a cold, dismal rain. I became interested, for I felt I was on the track of a real, live romance.

The pale, tired face seemed to grow brighter in those days, and for the first time Etta made frequent trips to the city, returning laden with bundles of every size and description. All her spare time was now employed in sewing, and coats and prints were made and laid aside. For some reason or other Etta was replenishing her clean but scant and somewhat dilapidated wardrobe.

Another link in the chain thought I, and began to imagine the arrival of a stalwart Norwegian lover left in Norway two years before, when she had come to try her fortune in America. Letters came more frequently, and Etta grew more cheerful, brighter, and cheerier—she even seemed to try to find herself more erectly, for often the bent shoulders were suddenly straightened as the sweet about-face of any other girl, formerly so tired and hopeless, took on a more cheerful tone.

Not the least remarkable of Etta's peculiarities was her manner of speaking; slowly and hesitatingly came the broken English, which was at first so hard to understand. Such a sad nature of her mother tongue and this strange language, such verbal combinations and mislaid plurals were never heard before.

One day I mentioned my romantic notions to my mother, but she only laughed, being entirely unable to connect Etta's appearance with a lover from her mother tongue and this new, strange language, such verbal combinations and mislaid plurals were never heard before. I was just telling my mother to look at that absurd little creature, when what was my surprise to see Etta, the staid, the quiet, dash wildly across the lawn, run down the gate, and, showing her arms about the little fellow's neck, and the first on one cheek and then on the other.

The man, after a few quiet but earnest struggles, managed to free himself from her long arms, and looked up into her face, so high over him, with pleasure surely, but without a trace of love's ardor. On closer inspection it proved to be such a funny, rosy, little face that it was impossible to look at it without laughing. Etta seemed to find it so, for, smiling happily, she escorted him to the house, her long arms linked in his short one, almost lifting him from the ground at every step, and presently we heard the low murmur of their voices in the kitchen below.

Not the least queer thing about this queer couple was a yellow shock of hair, plastered all around his chubby face. I suppose it never occurred to him that the tangle of his hair was ever seen, for there the hair stood straight out in bristly points. Soon Etta appeared, and blushing and hesitating, said, "My errand had come from Christmas."

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There is nothing out of the way about this, of course. The novel features are all in the front of the magazine facing the occupant. The most "striking" is a pretty study, by which the doctor shows his visits and the speed of her coachman.

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